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Lt. (jg) Kenneth McCubbins, 28, USNR, route one, Dallas, Ore., pilot of an Avenger torpedo plane, pictured aboard one of the navy's Essex class carriers in the Pacific just before returning to the U. S. on leave. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph.)



Flight Officer Donald A. McBain, son of Donald L. McBain of 475 N. Sumner, and husband of Mrs. Margaret E. McBain, route 7, box 459, both of Salem, who recently was graduated from the Hondo Army air field's flight engineer course at Hondo, Tex.



PAMPA ARMY AIR FIELD, Pampa, Texas (Special)—Allan A. McRae, route two, Salem, Ore., received his silver pilot's wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces upon completion of his twin-engine advanced training at this Top of Texas unit of the AAF central flying training command.

Lt. S. E. Orcutt Wins Air Medal

AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND BASE, India — First Lt. Samuel E. Orcutt, pilot, of 1040 N. Church st., Salem, Ore., has been awarded the air medal, it was announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Tunner, commanding general of the India-China division, air transport command. The award was made upon completion of 250 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected. The award was made for the period of service from Jan. 11, 1945 to June 1, 1945.

Lt. Col. Patch Thrice Honored In India-Burma

HQS. TENTH AIR FORCE IN INDIA - BURMA — Triple honors in recognition of outstanding combat and administrative achievements have been awarded to Lt. Col. Horace Wendell Patch, 25, husband of Mrs. Helen R. Patch, 585 N. Sumner st., Salem, Ore. Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the Tenth air force, within a few weeks of one another, announced Col. Patch's promotion to present rank, the award of the bronze star medal, and the first oak leaf cluster to the air medal.



Lt. Col. Patch

"Commando Game" Ends in Shooting

PORTLAND, Aug. 9. — (AP) — A game of "commando" played with a rifle and two knives resulted in the fatal shooting of Robert G. Turner, seven, today. Police said Mrs. Rosemond Robbins admitted her older daughter, nine-year-old Elray, shot the boy. She said the children thought the gun was not loaded.

Crew Flagman Drowned

REEDSFORT, Aug. 9. — (AP) — State police and railroad officials speculated today that a bridge crew flagman missing since noon Tuesday may have drowned in the Umpqua river. The boy, Raymond Powell, 16, Bell, Calif., was last seen near his cabin post, Southern Pacific officials said. His signal flag was found in the stream.

Corporal Pletka Home

SCIO — Cpl. Robert E. Pletka, son of Mrs. Lucy Pletka, is here from Harvard, Neb., on a brief furlough. Cpl. Earl Archer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Archer of this city, is reported due for furlough. Archer, in the regular army, has been serving overseas for some time. His wife and small daughter reside in Scio.

Oregon Men on Petrof Bay



Oregon men on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Petrof Bay, on which they are serving in the Pacific, are (front row, left to right): Donald J. Perry, S1/c, route 1, Lebanon; Luverne C. Wallan, S1/c, Bend; David E. Fox, radarman 3/c, Willamina; Frank J. Myalony, EM3/c, Tigard; (second row)—Delmar L. Shaw, boatswain's mate 2/c, Portland; Louis Chvalovsky, boatswain's mate 2/c; Charles C. Moulton, EM2/c, Portland; Rollin A. Sallander, radarman 3/c, Portland.

Harold G. Hamm Wins Commendation From Adm. Nimitz

Harold G. Hamm, 22, quartermaster 2/c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hamm of 471 Kingwood, Salem, has been awarded a letter of commendation with ribbon by Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz "for outstanding performance while serving as quartermaster which contributed... directly to the sinking of enemy ships totaling over 25,000 tons." The commendation said his work on the bridge "relieved his commanding officer of the distraction of watching escort vessels



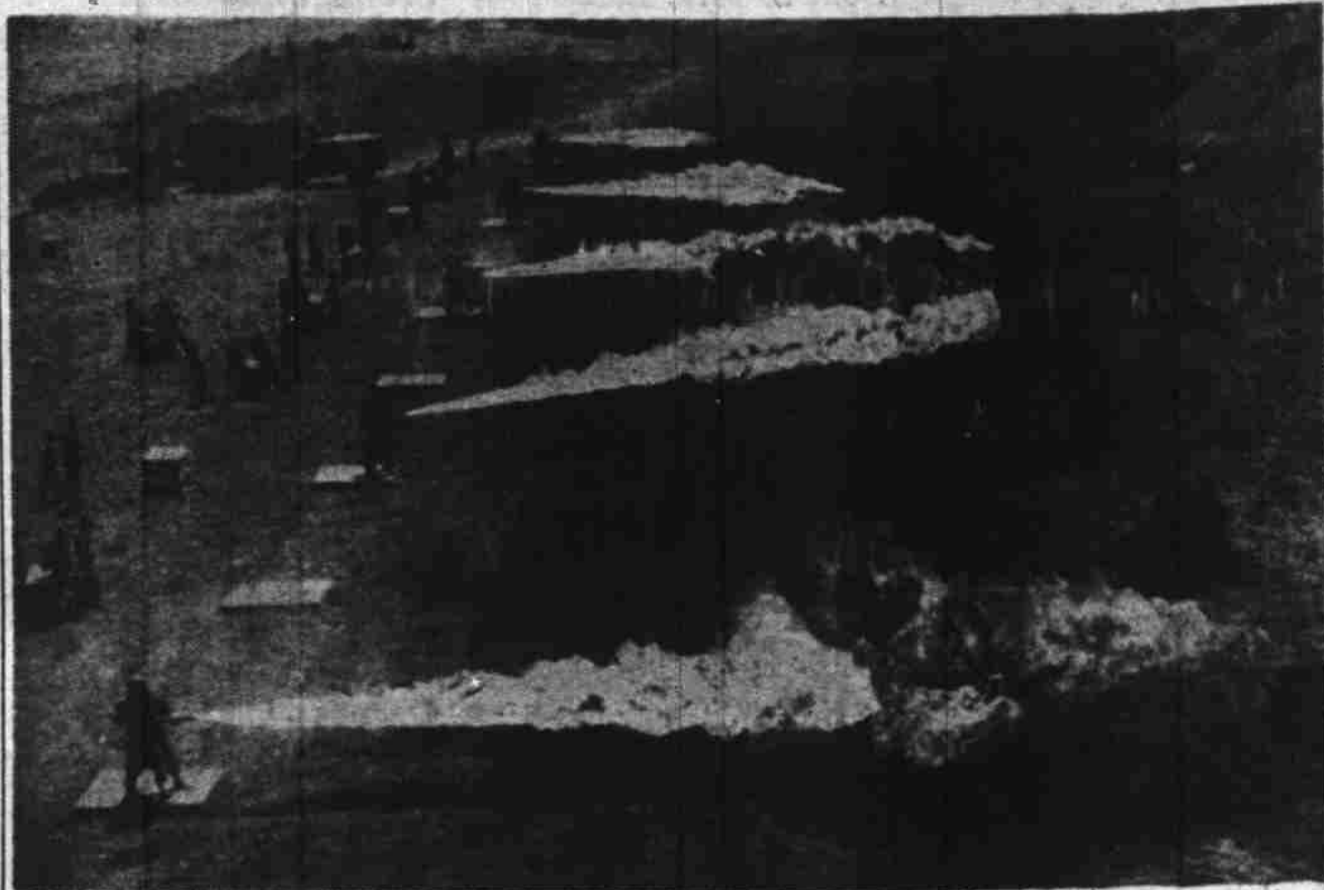
H. G. Hamm

while launching attacks." The presentation was made by Capt. G. E. Peterson, commander of a submarine squadron, at a submarine base in the Pacific.

Student Was Investigator

SEATTLE, Aug. 9. — (AP) — Claud Havens, former Washington state liquor board enforcement chief, declared tonight Bernard Foley, jr., 22, whose bullet punctured body was found yesterday near a country road, must have been killed by hired gunmen in the employ of a bootleg liquor ring. "It's the only way it could have happened," said Havens, who had employed Foley as an undercover investigator of black market whiskey dealings for six months. County detectives refused to comment on the case tonight.

Flame Thrower Classes Start at Adair



Five men at Camp Adair are shown cutting loose with flame throwers all at once, while range cademen stand beside to assist and correct them. Men standing to the rear are awaiting their turn to fire. (AGF News photo.)

Spectacular Weapon Used By Adairmen

CAMP ADAIR, Aug. 9. — (Special) — Four-hour courses of instruction in the use of the spectacular flame-thrower have opened on the range near the main cantonment here. All phases are taught and supervised by the range's highly skilled enlisted cademen, with the safety factor stressed as much as the weapon's destructive power.

Depot cademen here hold 41 decorations, including a congressional medal of honor (Lt. Ernest R. Dervishian), a distinguished army air forces staff course in Washington, D. C. He attended both Willamette university and Oregon State college.

service cross (Capt. Walter Tymniak), four legion of merits, six silver stars, eight bronze stars, 18 purple hearts, two croix de guerre and one croix de guerre with silver star.

Twenty-six enlisted WACs and 24 enlisted men of headquarters company have been awarded the good conduct medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

The third issue of the attractive "AGF News," published by the army ground forces replacement depot number 4, has a series and

pictures on Corvallis headed "If you want a nice place to go, try the Corvallis USO."

First Lt. Allen B. Brown, sr., information and education officer of the first regiment and veteran of world war I, had a reunion here recently with his son, Second Lt. Allen B. Brown, jr., leader of the patrol which captured Heinrich Himmler's summer home in an Alpine town, who is on a 30-day leave from Camp Beale, Calif. They had not met for 16 months. PFC. Clifford Willingham, hdq.

co., tangled—but triumphantly—with a 28-pound salmon in the Santiam recently and emerged with no more damage than combat fatigue and exposure—thanks to reinforcements in the form of T/Sgt. William McMaster and T/4 Robert Sargent, also of hdq. co., who helped Willingham end a two-hour battle after the successful fishermen had finally grabbed the fish by the tail. A knife in the hands of Masters, who waded in up to his neck, gave the coup d'grace.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS, POA, Ft. Shafter, T.H.—Cpl. H. Krefl, 40, of 565 S. 21st st., Salem, Ore., has been returned, under the army's readjustment program, to the continental United States from the Pacific ocean area command of Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, jr. He has been overseas 39 months.

Probably the record ride in the Pony Express was made by Robert Haslam, known as "Pony Bob," who rode 120 miles in Nevada in eight hours and ten minutes.

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